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FOREWORD BY MINISTER OF MAORI AFFAIRS

It gives me much pleasure to present the report of the Board of Maori Affairs and of the Under-Secretary, Department of Maori Affairs, for the year ended 31st March, 1949.

The successful establishment on the land and the provision of adequate housing for the Maori people are matters of great importance not only to the Maori people themselves, but also to the economy of the country.

The aim is to establish them on their own lands and in their own homes and to make available to them advantages similar to those available to Europeans in these intensely individual, yet broadly national, aspects of life. Through the operations of the Board of Maori Affairs the assistance required for these purposes is made available to the Maori people, and the Board, through its authorized agents, ensures that the greatest possible good will accrue as the result of the expenditure of time and money;